Title Giddimani 2007 Artist Various

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Languages Patois / English

Subtitles Hardcoded English subtitles

Length 128 minutes (approx.)

Producer/Director Mario Lazarre





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The DVD Giddimani 2007 is an enjoyable registration of the Chalice Palace stage showcase organized by Mr. Giddimani himself Mr. Greg Rose, better know in the reggae community as Perfect. It's held annually in the garden parish of St. Ann, I think this is the fourth year. Hosted by one of Jamaica's top television personalities, the beautiful Candice Buchanan who brings you up close and personal to each artist with interviews preceding every performance.

The DVD is not one of those many 'dancehall' dvd's that flood the market. This one's is done by some professional people. From the song list, to the visual and audio quality, this is one of the better DVD's I've seen lately. The DVD has a special feature that is worthwhile watching, a nice photoslideshow.

The DVD kicks off with 11 year old 'up and coming' deejay Dada. Second one around is one of my favorite singers, Anthony Cruz. On stage he knocks out some of his best tunes. *Place Too Bloody* and of course his biggest tune *Halfway Tree* are received enthusiastically. Reggae veteran Cocoa Tea aka Calvin Scott started recording for Junjo Lawes in the early 80s. During his career he recorded superior albums for the likes of King Jammy, Gussie Clarke and Phillip 'Fattis' Burrell. Here he does some of the tunes he did for Fattis: *Israel King* and *Good Life*. He also brings one of his most popular tunes *Riker's Island*.

Newcomers Warrior King, Fantan Mojah, I-Wayne, Natural Black and Gyptian are extremely popular on the island. At the moment they are (almost) at the peak of their performing talents. Their crowd-pleasing performances are firmly roots & culture based, except for Gyptian, who shines on lovers tunes as well, although his tune *My Fadah Seh* is a strong roots tune across the 'Foundation' riddim by producer Vernal Newman. Fantan Mojah to me makes the best impression with strong tunes like *Thanks & Praise* and *Hail the King*. I-Wayne's performance isn't energetic at all, but with his unique vocal style and subtle stage performance he definitely satisfies his fans.

The household names of dancehall, Sizzla, Capleton and Beenie Man do what they are expected to do, they blaze the place with their stage performances, with an energy that can give the young guys in the business a run for their money. Beenie Man's wife D'Angel does a tune as well. At the end we get treated to Perfect and Anthony B. In a high paced show they deliver their tunes, jumping and singing all over the stage.

I think this DVD is something you might want to investigate..trust me..you won't get disappointed! Check website here

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